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HOLY CROSS *Lutheran* CHURCH

3425 Crescent Avenue

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

C. E. Aulick, Pastor

The Chancel

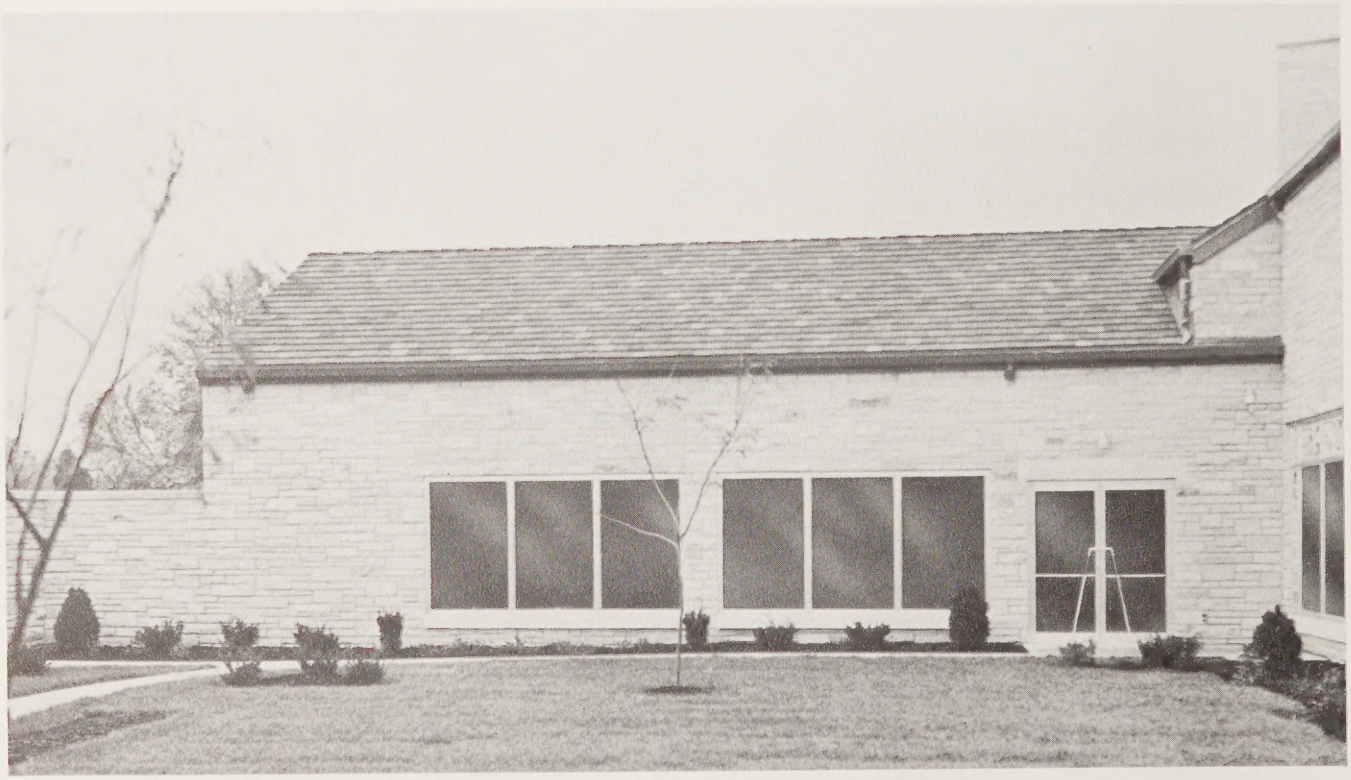
The altar, 12 feet in length, is of Italian white marble complemented by six tall candlesticks expressing reverent simplicity in design. The customary reredos is eliminated by use of a convex wall of stone having a planter as its base. Upon the wall is a black wrought iron cross, a duplicate of the exterior cross. At either end of the planter are tall sash of stained glass which transmit a subtle variation of color on the outer edges of the curved wall. The pulpit, lectern, communion rail, baptismal font, and credence shelf are executed in a combination of white marble and wrought iron.

The Nave

The Nave, with a normal seating capacity of 738, features a ceiling which is undulating in line and form. The furniture and oak paneling are matched in a fruitwood hue. The balcony has a seating capacity of 150.

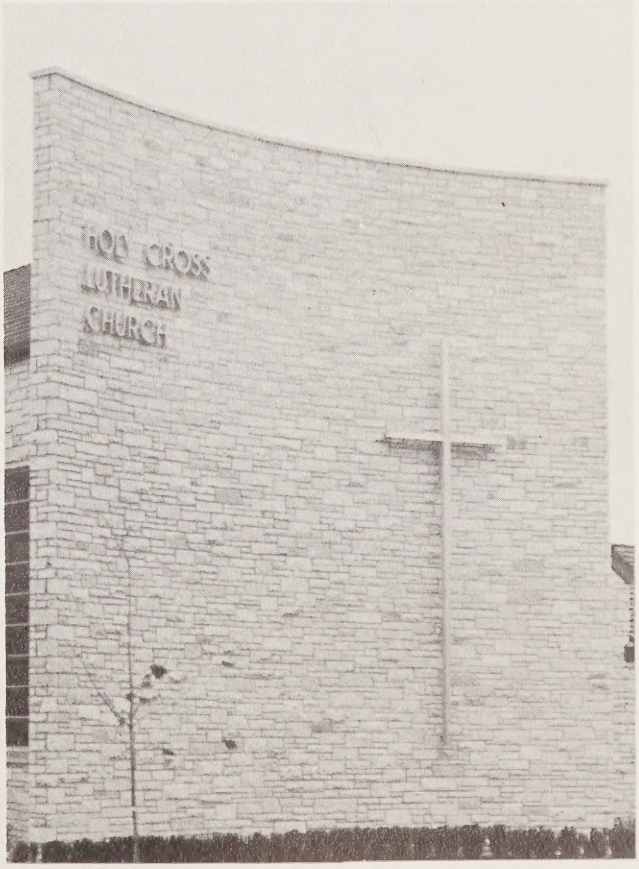
Lupke Memorial Chapel

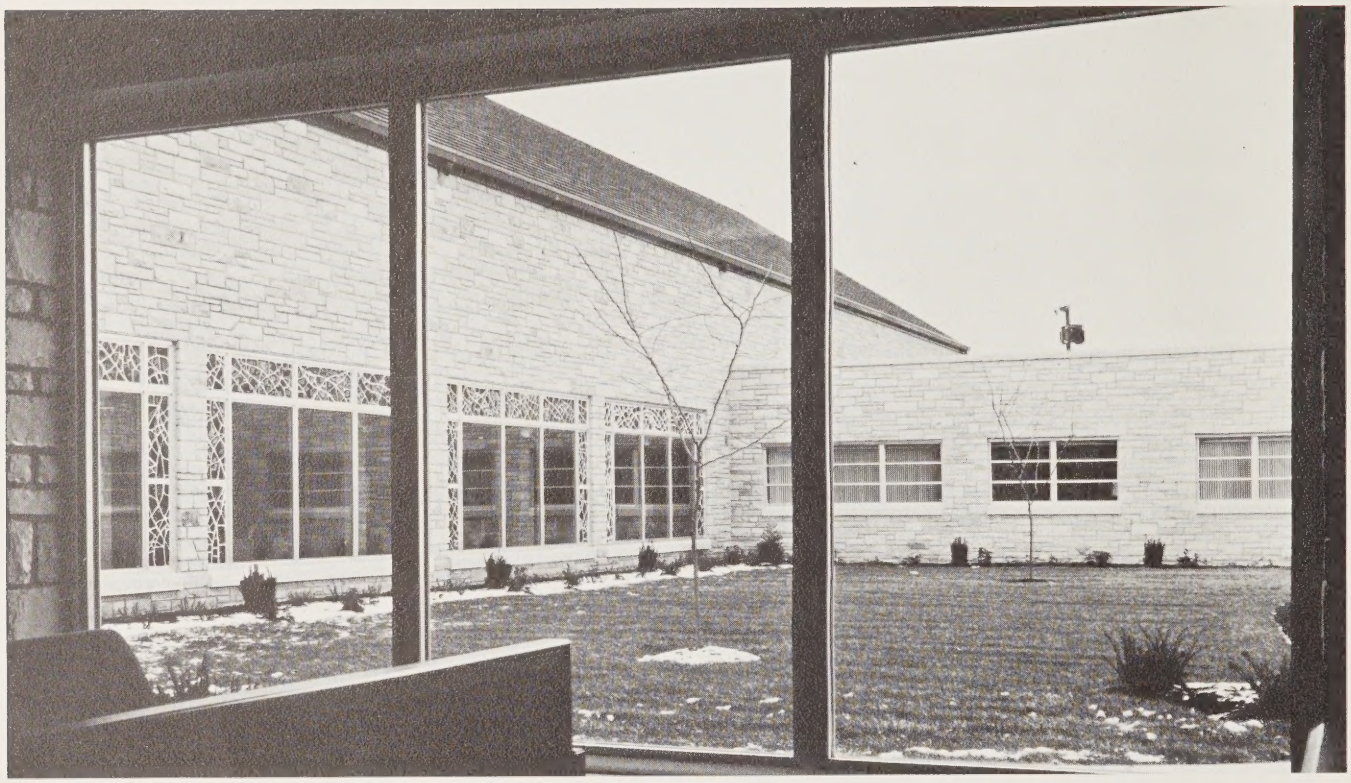
The Lupke Memorial Chapel, with a seating capacity of 90, has as its basic interior theme the natural stone walls. The domed ceiling and the cove lighting accentuate the chapel appointments — the carpeted floor, the upholstered pews, the rich wood with its carvings, the Wurlitzer organ. One wall of the chapel is of glass overlooking the garden. Principal entrance to the chapel is through the gates of wrought iron which pierce the privacy wall of the garden.



Curved Wall Tower and Canopy

The curved wall facing Crescent Avenue identifies our property as Holy Cross Lutheran Church, and the aluminum cross attached to the wall bears silent testimony to the fact that we exist for no other purpose than to proclaim the everlasting Gospel of our Lord. At the main entrance to the church a roof projects over the doors and drive, and a contemporary tower pierces this roof with its exposed structural elements of steel in satin black with panels of gold, topped with a cross brushed with gold leaf.





Garden From Chapel

The enclosed Garden can be viewed from the church, the chapel, and the offices. Particularly noticeable are the large thermopane sash of the church and chapel through which the four seasons of the year are brought effectively to the worshippers. These large picture sash are bordered at the sides and across the top with one inch thick multi-colored glass plumes set in concrete. Horizontal repeats of this glass are set in the stone wall of the opposite side of the nave. The art of executing decorative glass in this manner was the method used in medieval times, and has only recently been revived in Germany. It is thought that this installation in Holy Cross is the first of its kind in this country.

Our Church

Our church, of lannon stone exterior and interior and of contemporary design, is attached to the classroom and office units. The building itself is 192 feet long, 48 feet wide, and 36 feet high, with a free standing tower rising 30 feet above the highest point of the church. The entire unit, with the exception of the classrooms, utilizes electric heat pumps for both heating and cooling.

Our History

November 18, 1945:	First service held in St. Paul's Branch School, State Blvd.
February 6, 1946:	Official organization and adoption of constitution. The Rev. Henry J. Eggold, Jr. called as first pastor. Membership: 89 communicants and 150 souls.
September 3, 1946:	School term opens with 52 pupils and 2 teachers.
October 24, 1948:	Dedication of first unit (chapel, fellowship hall, 3 classrooms).
July 29, 1951:	The Rev. C. E. Aulick installed as pastor.
October 5, 1952:	Dedication of second unit (5 classrooms, library, principal's offices).
March 14, 1955:	New parsonage occupied.
September 8, 1959:	School term opens with 313 pupils and 11 teachers.
November 8, 1959:	Dedication of Lupke Memorial Chapel.
December 6, 1959:	Dedication of third unit (church, 4 classrooms, offices). Membership: 1171 communicants and 1957 souls.

Our Beginning

St. Paul's Branch School on State Blvd. was the scene of much activity during the closing months of 1945 and the early months of 1946. Here the charter members of Holy Cross assembled for worship; here their children went to school; here they met to chart their course; here they prayed and worked until they dedicated their own first unit in 1948.

The Ladies' Lounge

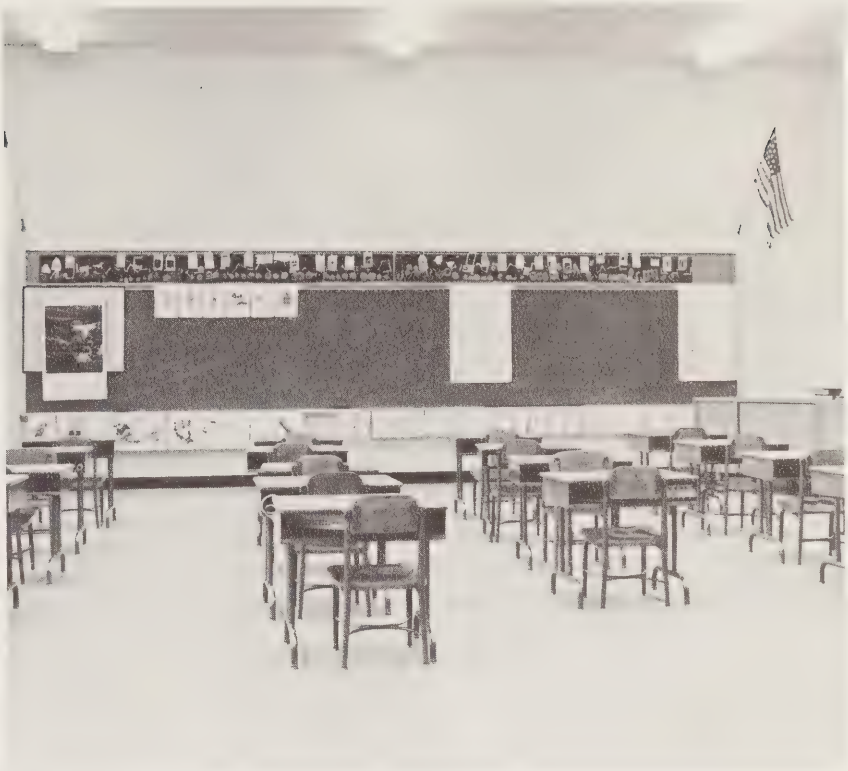
The lounge, with convenient entrance from the narthex, is beautifully appointed, and strategically located to serve our ladies not only at the time of services, but also for small meetings. Adjacent to the lounge is a small kitchenette. The lounge also serves as the bride's room at the time of weddings.

The Organ

Our balcony is the setting for this large custom installed Wurlitzer Concert Organ. The console of this unusual instrument conforms rigidly to all the specifications of the A.G.O. (American Guild of Organists) for pipe organs. Since the tone is not synthetic but comes from a natural source, it is that of the classic organ. In addition to the unique tone source which never requires tuning, is the custom built sound system with a power output of 250 watts.

A Classroom

Our expansion program includes four classrooms which are attached to the existing building, and the church offices which, in turn, were joined to the new classroom section. Included in this area are the reception room, the general offices and workroom, the pastor's office, the assistant pastor's office, the administrator's office, and the council room and church library.



The Circle Drive

Entrance to the Circle Drive is from Crescent Avenue and provides access to the Principal's office, the church offices, and through the garden gates to the Chapel. This is the entrance which will be most frequently used during the week by visitors to the church office and chapel.

Gratefully . . .

We express our gratitude . . . .

To our gracious God Who despite our unworthiness has so blessed the labors of our hands that we are this day able to dedicate our church, classrooms, and offices to His glory.

To the members of Holy Cross who have prayed, worked, and sacrificed in order that so much might be accomplished.

To our architect, contractors, and workmen whose abilities and talents gave us beauty in design and honesty in construction.

To our societies and organizations which from the beginning evidenced a keen interest in the program, and rendered willing assistance in many areas.

To the members of the Building Committee who at considerable personal sacrifice gave in large measure of their time and talents in order that the finest possible results might be obtained.

To those who, in addition to their gifts to the Building Fund, were moved to subscribe the cost of the following items as special memorials:

The Lupke Memorial Chapel and Furnishings — Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Lupke, Sr. and Family

The Wurlitzer Organ — Mrs. Mable Stucky
In memory of her husband, Christian Stucky

The Cornerstone — Grades VII and VIII, Parish School

The Interior Cross on Chancel Wall —
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gerke
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gerke and Family
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bolyard and Family

The Exterior Cross on Front Curved Wall —
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Knake
Mr. and Mrs. Lee Knake

The Exterior Lighting for Curved Wall —
(neon behind cross)
Mrs. Edwin Lepper, Wm., and Robert Lepper
In memory of Edwin Lepper, husband and father

The Exterior Cross on Rear Wall—Relatives and Friends
In memory of Dr. E. W. Nahrwald

The Letters for Church Name on Curved Wall — Sunday School and Nursery School

The Main Entrance Doors — Mrs. Virginia Kiel Powers
In memory of Robert Kiel

The Garden Gates — Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Schueler

The Garden Walks — Anne and Alen Wyss and Family

The Gold Leaf Tower Cross — Grades I through VI, Parish School

The Tower Lighting — Mr. Harold Briggeman

The Tower Chimes — Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Burhop and Family

The Four Outside Planters — Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bartels
In memory of Mr. and Mrs. John Klitzke

The Altar — Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Meinzen
In memory of their children, Carol and Edward

The Pulpit — Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Huge and Family

The Lectern — Ladies' Aid

The Baptismal Font — Mr. and Mrs. Earl Groth, Jr.
In memory of Mrs. Bertha Wehrenberg

The Hymn Boards — Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Keeler and Family

One Clergy Chair — Miss Barbara Liebman

Six Altar Candlesticks — Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Dammeyer and Family

The Altar Service Books — Mrs. W. G. Polack
In memory of her husband, Dr. W. G. Polack

The Pulpit Bible — Mr. and Mrs. John Pruett

The Missal Stand — Miss Clara Seele
In memory of her parents and sister, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Seele and Hilda Margaret Seele

The Individual Communion Service — Chancel Guild and Mrs. Edwin Lepper, Wm., and Robert Lepper
In memory of Edwin Lepper, husband and father

The Paraments and Vestments — Chancel Guild

The Credence Shelf — Chancel Guild

The Chancel Kneeling Cushions —
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Roemke
In memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moehring, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Roemke

One Floor Vase — Mr. and Mrs. Paul F. Nieter

One Floor Vase — Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Nieter

The Chancel Planter — Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stucky and Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Canfield

Eight Collection Plates — Mr. and Mrs. Dorwin Dressler

The Guest Register and Light — Widows' Club:
Julia Anglin, Nora Meyer, Nora Cory, Rita Sievers, Mary Dudenhoefer, Emma Schober, Clara Koester, Edna Vest, Marie Meyer, and Ida M. Witte

The Registry Pen — Mrs. George Felger
In memory of her husband, George Felger

Two Collection Boxes — Mr. and Mrs. Robert Koeneman
In memory of William E. Koeneman, brother

Two Collection Boxes — Mr. and Mrs. Czerney Savage

One Chancel Leaded Glass Window — Walther League

One Chancel Leaded Glass Window — Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Facks and Family

One Corner Colored Window —
Mr. and Mrs Wilmer Bates

One Corner Colored Window — Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Braun and Mr. and Mrs. Donald C. Stager

One Corner Colored Window — Miss Anna Clausen, For Bruce and Dean Aulick

One Corner Colored Window—School Lunch Personnel: Mrs. Byron Tomey, Mrs. Alfred Mundt, Mrs. Carl Scheibenberger

One Corner Colored Window — Rebecca, Lance and Jennifer, children of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lepper

One Corner Colored Window — Mrs. Lorene Schroeder
In memory of William Schroeder

One Corner Colored Window —
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Tarnow

One Corner Colored Window —
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Worden

One Corner Colored Window — Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Brackmann and Family

One Corner Colored Window — Mrs. Rose Kopp
In memory of her husband, Herman C. Kopp

One Corner Colored Window — Mrs. Theo. Ziemendorf
In memory of her husband, Theodore Ziemendorf

One Corner Colored Window — Mr. Robert Ziemendorf
In honor of his mother, Mrs. Theo. Ziemendorf

Gratefully . . .

One Corner Colored Window — Girl Scout Troop No. 69
Grade VIII, Parish School

One Corner Colored Window —
Mr. and Mrs. Theo. A. Busch

One Corner Colored Window — Mr. and Mrs. Byard Hey

One Horizontal Window — Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Adams

Two Horizontal Windows —
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Linnemeier
In memory of their daughter, Arlene Linnemeier

One Horizontal Window —
Mrs. Harry Prange and Family
In memory of Harry Prange, husband and father

One Horizontal Window — Mrs. Wm. J. Rodenbeck,
For her granddaughter, Carol Johnson

One Horizontal Window — Mrs. F. J. Tellman
In memory of her husband, Fred Tellman

One Horizontal Window — Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Terry and
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Baker
In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Koehlinger

One Vertical Window — Mrs. Herman Friedrich, Sr.
In memory of her husband, Herman Friedrich. Sr.

Two Vertical Windows — Miss Clara Seele
In memory of her parents and sister, Mr. and Mrs.
H. A. Seele and Hilda Margaret Seele

One Vertical Window — Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Akers

One Pew — Mr. and Mrs. Louis Householder and Family

Four Pews — Mr. and Mrs. Don Brudi

One Pew — Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Kramer

One Pew — Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Remenschneider
In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Remenschneider

One Pew — Mr. and Mrs. Edwin C. Rodenbeck

One Pew — Mr. and Mrs. John Bowers

One Pew — Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Keeler

Seven Pews — Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Tad Stucky
In memory of Christian Stucky, father

One Pew — Mr. and Mrs. Chalmer C. Yackee

The Modernfold Door in Nursery — Mrs. Frieda Barthel

The Nursery Lavatory — Nursery Circle

The Nursery Furnishings — Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hartmann, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Galli, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Exner, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Haupt, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Burns, Mr. and Mrs. George McConnell, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Koeneman, Mr. and Mrs. John Tinsley, Mr. and Mrs. Waldemar Heller, David, Michael and Patricia Wyss, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Horn, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Karbach, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Voelker, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Brackmann, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Doehrmann, and Mrs. Frieda Barthel

The Ladies' Lounge Furnishings — Ladies' Aid

The Kitchenette — Ladies' Aid and Nursery Circle

Bell and Howell: 16mm Sound Projector, Filmstrip Projector, Tape Recorder, Projection Table, Califone Record Player and Four Wall Projection Screens —
Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Elbrecht and Family
In memory of their parents, Mary and Ernest Elbrecht and Karl Keppler, and in honor of Edna Keppler

The Interior Directory Signs — Mr. Robert Federspiel

The Desk and Chair in Pastor's Office — "Anonymous"

The Office Intercommunications System — "Anonymous"

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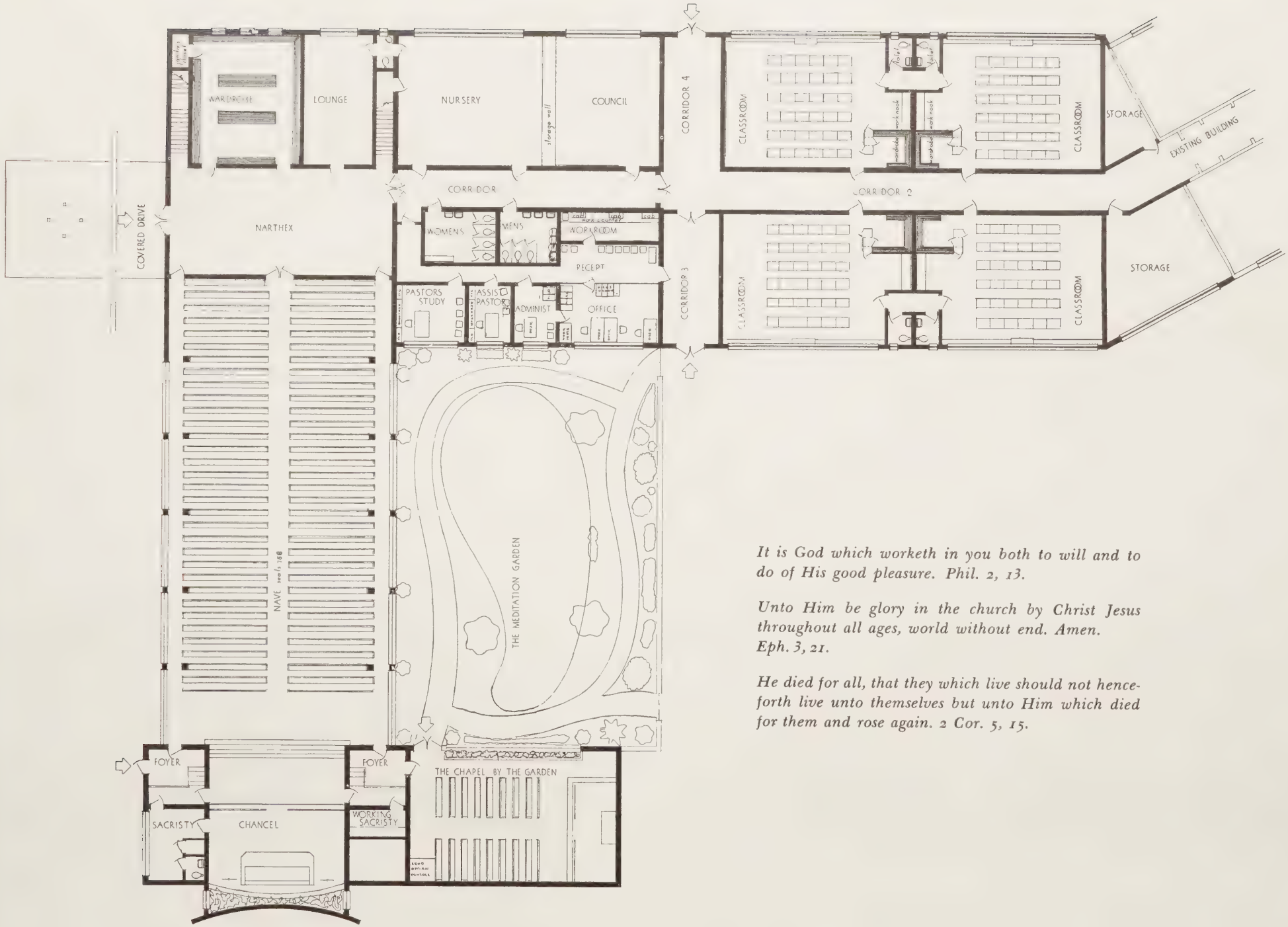

It is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure. Phil. 2, 13.

Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen. Eph. 3, 21.

He died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves but unto Him which died for them and rose again. 2 Cor. 5, 15.